McELWAIN

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Albion Twp.

McElwain

* Lot 35 Con. 3. 13 Feb. 1908 William McElwain E½ $1150
Came from Adjala never lived in Albion

* Lot 35 Con. 3. 2 Sept 1901. Albert John McElwain E½ [illegible] Will
Son still owns place & never lived here

* Lot 35 Con. 4. 16 Oct. 1868 William McElwain Jr. 85 ac. $1125

* Lot 35 Con. 4. 3 Sept. 1901 Alexander McElwain 150 ac. $700.00

* Lot 35 Con. 4. 11 Mar 1918 Robert McElwain 150 ac. $3000.00

* Lot 35 Con. 4. 11 Mar. 1918 John McElwain W½ 59 3/5 ac. $2000.
Owned & tilled by above. Living in Simcoe the boundary line.

* Lot 36. Con. 4 7 Aug 1930. Albert J. McElwain 5 ac. $935.

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Questionnaire sent to

Alex. McElwain, Esq.,
Box 943,
BRAMPTON

Is "McElwain" the correct spelling of your family name? yes

William McElwain, your grandfather, native of Scotland, went to north Ireland as a boy. Here he married Martha Bennett and with their family of 4 daughters came to Canada in 1841. Is this correct? yes

They settled in Simcoe County, Adjala township, Lot 1 concession 3, where they built their home, choosing this site because it was on the banks of the Humber. Is this correct? yes

What were the names of the four daughters who accompanied them from Ireland? ~~Kindly list them here, showing~~ whom they married and where they settled.

Eldest
Jane . McElwain = Married = William Burnett = a Farmer in Wellsley Township
Nancy . McElwain = " David . Dick = a Shoe maker - in Peel one mile south × of Mono Mills
Isabella , McElwain = " William . Fenwick = a Flour Miller = that worked in many Mills where he could get work Kaywood Mills = Mapnee Mills
Matilda . McElwain = a ~~Isaac~~ Jerimiah . Letson = a Farmer
Susanna . McElwain " John . Letson = a Farmer in near Elmira Village
Margret . McElwain " Isaac Letson = a Farmer in " " "
William . McElwain - " Elizabeth . Beggs = a Farmers Daughter in Wellsley × Townships
Mary . McElwain " William = Robinson = a Carpenter of Mono Townships
Samuel . McElwain = Died when 4 years old the youngest of the family

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William 2nd, your father, born 1841 in Adjala, moved to Concession 4 Lot 1 of Adjala in 1884, where he operated a saw and grist mill, known as Kaywood Mills. Is this correct? yes

Was the William McElwain who purchased 85 acres More or Less in Albion (Lot 35, Concession 4) ~~your grandfather~~? no Or was it your father? This was my Father (Wm 2)

If the Albion property was bought by your father, — yes did he live there in 1868 when the property was — no purchased and then go back to Adjala where he operated the mill? no — when my Father purchased this Albion Property he lived on the 50 acres Lot 1 ~~con~~ 3 con South Half of Lot 1 Con 3 that My GrandFather McElwain settled on when arriving here in Adjala. He gave Father South Half Lot 1 con 3 50 acres and he remained on the North 50 acres ~~him~~-self with his Wife till his Death x

x Note this Albion Property was on the opposite side of the Townline that runs ~~East~~ from Mono Mills to Ballycroy opposite Lot 1 Con 3 Adjala where my Father Built a ~~Log House~~ Hughed Log House and Part of a Hughed Log ~~Stable~~ and Barn in the year 1866 and lived there continually to the year July 4th 1884 when he moved to the Kaywood Mills Property Lot 1 Con 4

Just when did your father take up residence in Albion?

Were there other children in your father's family besides himself and his four sisters? If so, who were they and where did they settle?

Listed on sheet No 1 answer to this Part

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Box 943,
BRAMPTON

Was your father's mill in Adjala carried on by any of his children? If so, by whom and when?

After his Death a short time
The mill was sold

Father & Mother Deceased

Total of 9
all Living
5 sons
4 Daugaters

Who were the children besides ×William ~~×~~Samuel, yourself and Albert John? = Here they are in rotation

William . Samuel . McElwain
Alexander . " "
Martha Jane " "
Mary Elizabeth " "
Robert James " "
Albert . John " "
David " "
Margary " "
Annie " "

Are you the Alexander who moved to Caledon East yes and went into the implement business? ~~If so,~~ yes
If so when did you move to Brampton?× Are you still in the same business? no

× moved to Brampton in November 1927

What is the birth date of your brother ~~Samuel?~~ William . Samuel

Was he born in Peel? yes at Lot 32 Con 6 Albion

Albion Township
My Father had this Property rented and choped and cleared
14 acres before he was married he kept Batch
Later when he married for 2 years he lived on this property and this accounts for William . Samuel being born in Peel
and My Father living for a short period in Peel

Where is he now living? in Floss Township – Simcoe County

Whom did he marry? Isabella Watson

Children? Yes 7
4 Sons
3 Girls

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What is the birth date of your brother John?

Where is he now living? Lot 1 Con 3 Adjala

Whom did he~~r~~ marry? Annice. Patterson Children? None alive

~~Does~~

Albert ~~The~~ John McElwain who purchased W½ Lot 35 Concession 4 Albion in 1912? ~~no doubt refers to~~ your brother? ~~John.~~ ~~Is this correct?~~ Yes

Albert. John McElwain is the proper name he just got John

Whom did you marry? First Emma. Jane. McCoy of Adjala Township Died in Feby 1917

Second Wife Jessie Wilson = of Caledon Township.

Any children? 4

2 Daughters Deceased

2 Sons Living

Fred. Alexander — of Toronto

William. Irwin — at Home Brampton

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Questionnaire sent to

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Box 943,
BRAMPTON.

Who is the William McElwain who purchased E½ of Lot 35 Concession 3 Albion in 1908? My Father

Who is the Albert John McElwain who acquired this same land in 1901, and who later bought 5 acres of Lot 36 Concession 4, Albion?

Brother see sheet (No 3)

Who is the Robert James McElwain who bought 120 acres of Lot 35 Concession 4 Albion, in 1912?

Two Brothers
Robert. James. McElwain
Albert John. McElwain
Purchased this Property which later they had surveyed and Divided Eaquly

Who was David McElwain, whose wife Susan Ethel Guest is buried in Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave?

My youngest Brother is David

A Thomas McIlwain was the oldest member of Fountain Valley Orange Lodge (Huttonville). Can you identify him?
no I cannot I heard of him but have never met him

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In Memory of William McElwain who died 1880 aged 82

Original Wm.

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Meredith Crescent,
Toronto, Ontario,
16 September, 1952.

File (family history)

Mr. Alec McIlwain,
Main St. North,
Brampton, Ontario.

Alex. McElwain,
Box 943

Dear Mr. McIlwain:

At the farm Wednesday night, Dr. Brydon told me of a story you told him about a logging bee.

Please answer the questions below, and give any other information that occurs to you and return this to me by an early post.

1. Where did your family come from, and what were their names?

My Grandfather William McElwain born in Scotland and when a boy went to North of Ireland and later married Martha Bennett and with their four daughters came to Lower Canada My father William McElwain was born in 1841.

2. When did they come? In 1840 to Lower Canada. They were eight weeks on the vessel crossing the Ocean from Ireland

3. How did they come?

4. Where did they first settle? Settled in Simcoe County Adjala Township lot. 1. Con. 3. on a farm of 100 acres which was all bush, built a house and other buildings and cleared a portion of the land

5. Why did they settle there in particular?

Because it was on the Banks of the Humber.

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6. Where else did they live in the county?

My father moved a mile East in 1884 where he operated a Saw-Mill and Grist Mill on Lot 1 Con. 4. Adjala known as Kaywood Mills.

7. At what ages did the first settlers die?

My Grandfather was 82. My Grandmother 96 years.

8. Where were they buried? At Mono East Presbyterian Cemetery Mono Township.

9. What were their first crops?

Wheat, Oats and Potatoes

10. Where was the logging bee about which you told Dr. Brydon?

My Father's farm. Lot. 35. Con. 4. Albion Which is now my Brother John's property and has never been out of the name.

11. What lot number, con. number, township?

lot..35......con...4.........twp..Albion Co. of Peel

12. Who owned the farm?

My Father William McElwain

13. ~~A~~ About what year was it?

June 1874.

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The Conservator, October 3rd, 1929. 43711

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Obituary - Mrs. W. McElwain.

The funeral took place on Monday to Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave, of Mrs. William McElwain, and was one of the largest attended in that village for many years.

Deceased, wao was formerly Elizabeth Begg, passed away early Saturday morning. She was born in Ireland 87 years ago and came to Waterloo County when 3 years of age. Shortly after this she moved to Ballycroy district, near Palgrave.

Her husband predeceased her 20 years ago and she is survived by five sons and four daughters. There are twenty eight grandshildren and fifteen great granchildren.

The entire family were home on the occasion of her 86 birthday this summer.

W½ Lot 27 Con 7 Albion

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NEW PALGRAVE CEMETERY

William McElwain Mc

died February 16, 1908, aged 67 years.

His wife Elizabeth Beggs died September 28, 1929, B
aged 86 years.

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-w of Robert J. d Mar 1906 ae 24

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1841

1929
86
1843

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Fountain Valley L. O.L. #211, Huttonville.

Oldest member is Thos. McIlwain, 70 years.

SEE ORANGE CHAPTER.

BRAMPTON CEMETERY - Block A.

McILVEEN, James

Jane Nixon, d. May 21, 1871, aged 26 yrs, 10 mos. 19 dys.

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McElwain

Alex.,

Emma Jane McCoy b. 9 Feb. 1870 d. 13 Feb. 1917

ORANGEVILLE BANNER

8th. SEPT. 38.

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ALEXANDER McELWAIN

Alexander McElwain, for a number of years foreman of maintenance on the Orangeville to Brampton section of Highway No. 10, died at his home in Brampton on Wednesday, August 31st, in his 72nd year. His death came after a lengthy illness. Born in Adjala township, the late Mr. McElwain was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McElwain, of Kaywood Mills, Ballycroy. He came to Orangeville from Adjala about forty years ago to accept a position as salesman for the Massey-Harris Company. After a few years here, he moved to Caledon East in 1904 to engage in the implement and general store business on his own account. Following his appointment to a position with the Highways Department in 1925 he gave up business and moved to Brampton where he had since lived. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Orange and Masonic Orders, a Black Knight and a staunch Conservative. His demise is mourned by his wife, formerly Miss Jessie Wilson, two sons, Fred, of Toronto, and Irwin, of Brampton, four brothers and four sisters, namely, Samuel, of Phelpston, Ont., Robert, of Markham, John and David, of Adjala, Mrs. Robert Innis, Mono Road, Mrs. R. J. Leggett, Orangeville, Mrs. Jas. H. Watson, Athlone, and Mrs. Perry Irwin, Cooksville. This is the first break in a family of nine. Genial, kindly and obliging, a good neighbor and a useful citizen, Mr. McElwain will be much missed by his circle of friends. During his residence in Caledon East he gave several years service as school trustee and also as member of the Village Trustee Board.

The funeral, which was one of the largest seen in this district for some time, was held from his late home to Caledon East cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Rev. H. M. Coulter, pastor of Brampton Presbyterian church, had charge of the services. The pallbearers were the four brothers and two brothers-in-law, Messrs Jas. H. Watson and R. J. Leggett. Many flowers told of the sympathy and esteem of friends of the departed man.

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CHINGUACOUSY TWP. MINUTES

TOWN HALL

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17 May. 1880.

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To Daniel Orr Four dollars To Mrs. Sheren $5.00 James Bryant $4.00 James McElwain $4.00 Mrs. Williams $4.00 Mrs. McLeod $8.00 Peter Wilson $15.00 Mrs. Nosworthy. $4.00 W. Dodsworth $5.00 all indigents.

Carried

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CHINGUACOUSY TWP. MINUTES

TOWN HALL

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16 August, 1880.

...that the Treasurer pay the following sums:--
To Mrs. Nosworthy $5.00 Danl. Orr $4.00 Jas Bryant $4.00
Peter Wilson $12.00 Wm. Dodsworth $5.00 Jas McIlvaine
$4.00 Benjn. Cook. $8.00 Mrs. McLeod. $4.00 (indigents)

[illegible] Carried.

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